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LOOK AT THEM. FLOCKING TOGETHER. MY ARMY. PERHAPS IT IS FEAR THAT DRIVES THEM TO SERVE MY GREATER PURPOSE.

PERHAPS THEY ARE BELIEVERS OF MY GOSPEL--AWAKENED FROM THEIR PRISON, DESPERATE TO DESTROY THE CONFINES OF THE SHACKLES THIS WORLD HAS PLACED ON THEM.

NEVERTHELESS, THEY MARCH FOR ME...

"...AND OUR VICTORY IS IMMINENT."

ACK!

PESSSKY TURTLES!

NOT THE MOST INCONSPICUOUS APPROACH... BUT THEN AGAIN, I *AM* FLYING RIGHT TOWARD A SIX-HUNDRED-POUND LUCHADOR WHO GAVE THE STATUE OF LIBERTY *HIS OWN FACE.*

"I KNOW HOW VENOM FEELS-- A SNEAK ATTACK WOULD JUST HAVE THE SAME RESULT.

"A FIGHT."

MASSSTER...

...THE TURTLES... BLIMP...IT'S HERE, YESS!

YES, OF COURSE. THEIR ARRIVAL IS UNREMARKABLE AND ANTICIPATED-- AS IS THEIR SWIFT DEFEAT.

"A TASK FITTING FOR MY ELITE GUARD."

ALL RIGHT... MOVING INTO POSITION.

NO SURPRISE BANE'S GOT HIS FRONT LINE READY...

...THEY'RE COMING IN FAST. ALL ACCORDING TO PLAN.

THIS IS CRAZY. DONNIE'S OUT THERE ALL BY HIMSELF!

STILL BETTER THAN WAITING IN HERE ALL CRAMMED IN LIKE SARDINES, DUDE.

JUST BREATHE, GUYS. PATIENCE. I BELIEVE IN DONNIE'S PLAN.

"BE READY FOR HIS SIGNAL...

K-CHOK

PHASE ONE...EVASIVE MANEUVER...

"...EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON HIS PERFECT TIMING."

...GLIDER DETACHMENT... CHECK.

YOU THINK HEIGHT IS YOUR ALLY? YOU WILL DIE AT THREE HUNDRED FEET.

GRRRAAAH!

KRRSH

THE CONTROLS! FAN-FREAKING-TASTIC.

SPIN

=HNNG= LOSING CONTROL, FAST.

NO WAY I CAN STOP HER FROM SPINNING...

LIBERTY ISLAND WILL RAIN WITH THE COUNTLESS PIECES OF YOUR DECIMATION!

SPFFFT

YOU TALK TOO MUCH. LET'S SEE IF MY ANTI-VENOM GAS SHUTS YOU UP.

=KAFF KOFF= =HRRF!=

NO... WHAT'S =HNGG= HAPPENING?!

RRAAGH! MY POWER FADES! YOU WILL =KOFF= PAY FOR THIS WITH YOUR LIFE!

=KOFF= YOUR CRUDE CONCOCTION ISN'T ENOUGH TO WEAKEN OUR ENTIRE ARMY!

DEET

HEH, AND YOU WERE GUILTING ME ABOUT RELYING TOO MUCH ON MY TECH? A FEW DAYS IN AND YOU'RE NOTHING WITHOUT THAT POISON.

BOOOM

NOW TELL ME AGAIN WHAT A *REAL* NINJA LOOKS LIKE.

SPFFFFT

=KOFF= WHAT IS THIS =KAFF= CRAP, ROCK?

=HRNN= IT BURNS! IT'S IN MY MUSCLES!

AND MY MUSCLES'RE =HNNG= *SHRINKIN'*!

THAT'S IT! THAT'S HIS SIGNAL!

KRAASH!

GO! GO! GO!

THE GAS IS WORKING...BUT WE'VE GOT LESS THAN TWO MINUTES BEFORE THOSE CLOWNS ARE BACK TO THEIR NORMAL AND STILL ***INSANELY*** LETHAL SELVES.

I WILL ONLY NEED ***ONE.***

"OH SURE, IT'S ONLY AN ARMY OF ELITE FOOT SOLDIERS. WE'LL JUST DEAL WITH THEM AND CHILL."

THE TURTLESSS...A GREAT OFFENSE THEY MOUNT, YESSS...

LET ME REMIND YOU AGAIN WHAT YOU ARE-- MERELY A PETULANT INSECT IN THE PRESENCE OF A TITAN.

OPEN YOUR MANY EYES, STOCKMAN. BEHOLD THE ARMY I'VE AMASSED. THE SHEER POWER I HOLD AT MY FINGERTIPS.

YOU COULD HAVE DISAPPEARED INTO THIS WORLD--HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS. BUT YOU MADE IT EASY TO FIND YOU.

WELCOME, BATMAN. I EXPECTED YOU SOONER.

I KNOW YOU BELIEVE YOURSELF ON THE EDGE OF VICTORY, BUT ONCE YOUR SURROGATES LIE DEAD IN THE MUD, I WILL CONQUER THIS CITY YOU SENT ME TO.

AND LEAD MY ARMY TO ***GOTHAM.*** YOU CANNOT STOP THIS INEVITABILITY. NOT ALONE.

THIS CITY IS MINE--FROM THE STARS TO THE PAVEMENT--AND THERE IS NOTHING OUR ENEMIES CAN DO TO QUELL OUR COLLECTIVE STRENGTH.

YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING, BANE...

IT'S NOT *YOUR* ARMY.

IT IS *MINE!*

A KNIGHT IN NEW YORK

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THE ANTI-VENOM WORKED... BUT THE IMMEDIATE SIDE EFFECTS ON THE FOOT SOLDIERS ARE WEARING OFF.

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO TAKE BACK CONTROL...

=HRNF= WAKE UP, SOLDIERS! SNAP OUT OF IT!

WE'RE STILL STRONG ENOUGH TA MOP THE FLOORS WITH 'EM!

=GRRR= I'M GONNA MAKE 'EM ***SUFFER*** FOR TAKING AWAY MY BEAUTIFUL PECS.

THAK

SBFF

KRAK

RAT AT AT AT

ALL RIGHT, GET READY--WE'RE COMING UP!

OH MAN, THIS IS GOING TO BE SO AMAZING. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THIS.

HOW CUTE. I REMEMBER MY FIRST TIME, TOO.

TIME TO FLY!

OKAY, I CAN'T EVEN LIE--THAT IS ***AWESOME.***

ACTION MOVIE SPEEDING CAR JUMP!

WHAT'S UP, GUYS? MISSING YOUR ENHANCEMENTS YET?

FORGET THAT VENOM JUNK... DONNIE'S *TECH* IS KILLER, BRO!

I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, EVEN NEXT TO BATMAN'S ENGINEERING, THIS IS IMPRESSIVE.

SHUMM SHUMM

THANKS, GUYS. FEELS GOOD TO THROW DOWN USING MY BRAIN AND NOT TOXIN-FUELED RAGE.

SHUMM SHUMM SHU

I AGREE WITH THE SILLY ONE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOU HAD TO MAKE THE WEAPONS *NON-LETHAL*.

NOW, NOW, ROBIN. WE DON'T WANT THIS TO BE *TOO MUCH* FUN FOR YOU.

EVERYBODY MOVE! NOW!

K-CHINT

OH THANK GOD--WE'RE FREE!

MIGHT BE A LIMITED-TIME OFFER...

"...ASSUMING BATMAN'S HAVING ANY LUCK."

I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR COMBINED EFFORTS--YOUR DETERMINATION IS ADMIRABLE.

BUT FUTILE.

UNWAVERING CERTAINTY WILL ONLY MAKE IT HARDER TO ACCEPT THE TRUTH. BE OPEN TO DEFEAT, BANE--FOR YOUR OWN SAKE.

I COULD NOT CARE LESS FOR THIS MONSTER'S WELL-BEING, HAMATO YOSHI.

GRRAAAH!

SHKK

HE WILL BE DEFEATED THROUGH COOPERATION, OROKU SAKI.

AS LONG AS THE USURPING BRUTE FALLS BY MY BLADES.

THERE ARE ***SO MANY*** OF THEM. EVEN WITHOUT DONATELLO'S ANTI-VENOM...THEY'RE STRONG.

OUR FOOT CLAN IS STRONGER. LOYAL. THEY WILL PROVE THEMSELVES FORMIDABLE AGAINST BANE'S PUPPETS.

=HNNG= KEEP FIGHTING! WE CAN DO THIS!

KEEP MOVING! ONTO THE FERRIES, EVERYONE!

IT'S GETTING CRAZY OUT THERE, APRIL... WE GOTTA GET THESE PEOPLE ***SAFE.***

WHAM BOOM

SHIKK

FOOM

SHIKK

WHUMM

HE'S BLEEDING VENOM.

STRIKE!

THUD

DRIVE HIM INTO THE OPEN--HE CAN BE OVERWHELMED!

Hrruhh!

KRRSH

I DUNNO ABOUT THIS, ROCK--BOSS'S LOOKIN' PRETTY ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES. YOU SEE THAT HIT HE TOOK?

=HURRF= WE STAND OUR GROUND. HIT BACK *TWICE* AS HARD.

MY ARMY...TRAIN YOUR EVERY *CELL* ON MY VOICE. HEED MY COMMAND WITH EVERY OUNCE OF LIFE WITHIN YOU...

=HURGH= A LUCKY CALCULATION FROM CORNERED PESTS. DESPERATION ON DISPLAY.

THE THRONE IS OF NO MATTER, HOWEVER. WE HOLD, STEADFAST, AND WITH THE ENEMY IN FULL VIEW, WE CAN TRULY BEGIN. BEBOP... ROCKSTEADY--YOU ARE CALLED TO ATTENTION.

OUR TARGET HAS NEVER BEEN MORE CLEAR. NEW YORK IS ALREADY IN OUR GRASP. THIS CITY RESTS IN OUR PALMS.

WHAT IS LEFT NOW IS ONLY TO DECIMATE THE REMAINING FEW FOOLISH ENOUGH TO TEMPT THEIR TERRIBLE FATE WITH THEIR OPPOSITION.

WITH THE VERY FABRIC OF YOUR BEING-- WITH THE ENTIRETY OF THE FIRE AND CINDER THAT PUMPS OUT OF YOUR LUNGS-- I COMMAND YOU NOW...

...KILL BATMAN. KILL THE TURTLES. *KILL THEM ALL.*

ACK!

WE SHALL SEE IF THE LOYALTY YOU HAVE FORGED OVER TIME REMAINS.

SSSHREDDER, YESSS...

BE WARY, STOCKMAN. MY BLADES ARE STILL CLEAN.

FOOT! YOU AMASS BEFORE A GRAVEN IMAGE. A FALSE MESSIAH. A CON ARTIST. A MADMAN.

THIS THING YOU CALL *BANE*.

LOOK AROUND YOU. THE FOOT, UNITED WITH ITS GREATEST OPPOSITION-- BREACHING OTHER UNIVERSES...

"BONDED BY ONE UNIVERSAL TRUTH.

"BANE CANNOT SUCCEED. WILL NOT.

"SHOULD YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES--ANY FOOT WITH LOYALTY TO ME...

IT'S SHREDDER... HE'S GOT 'EM ALL BY THE THROATS.

:HRRR: THIS SHREDDER IS READING HIS OWN EULOGY.

"...GO TO KARAI. *NOW!*"

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE LISTENIN' TA HIM, BOSS.

THEY ARE FOOLS. DISPOSABLE BODIES. WHETHER AT HIS HEELS OR BEHIND ME, I CANNOT BE STOPPED AND NO MEASURE OF THESE "MEN" WILL LIVE TO FIGHT IT.

I WILL GRANT YOU TWO CLEMENCY FROM ENDURING THEIR OUTCOME.

DO NOT DISAPPOINT ME.

SEEMS YOUR LOYALTY HOLDS UP, SHREDDER.

THEY HAVE SHOWN GREAT WEAKNESS. I WILL DEAL WITH IT LATER.

ALL RIGHT. LET'S TURN THINGS UP.

THIS ENDS NOW, BANE. RIGHT HERE.

YES... FOR YOU.

WE AIN'T BACKIN' DOWN YET, TURTLE PUNKS.

YOU SHOULD'VE JOINED YOUR FOOT PALS, PIG-MAN.

I DON'T BELIEVE IN POACHING, BUT FOR YOU? I'LL HAPPILY MAKE AN EXCEPTION.

KRAK

TOLD YOU.

:GNORT!:

CONCENTRATE FIRE ON BANE! EVERYONE!

:HNNG!: A MERE ANNOYANCE. YOUR SUPERFLUOUS TOYS ONLY SERVE TO DELAY YOUR DEATHS.

KRA-KOW

BOOM! THAT'S HOW WE DO!

=HURRF!=

BANE.

SHK

YOU THINK YOUR NUMBERS IMPRESS ME. I CAN ASSURE YOU, THEY DO NOT.

=OOF!=

KOOSH

I HAVE OVERCOME FAR WORSE THAN THIS.

THUK THUK

NOW, DONATELLO!

YEAH, YOU'RE AN ANIMAL, BANE...

FTHIP FTHIP FTHIP

...BUT ANIMALS CAN BE *PUT DOWN.*

MY STRENGTH IS *MORE* THAN VENOM. IT RUNS *DEEP.* AM I AN ANIMAL? PERHAPS.

BUT YOU'VE EXHAUSTED YOUR EFFORTS, AND I STAND AT THE TOP OF...

...THE F-FOOD... CH...

HARD TO WAX POETIC WHEN THERE'S HALF A LITER OF ELEPHANT TRANQ PUMPING THROUGH YOU, HUH?

...CHAA!...

TIMMMBER! HAHA!

NIGHT NIGHT, BANESY!

KLUDDD

UHH, HEY, HOLD UP A MINUTE NOW...WE WERE *GONNA* HELP YOU BRING DOWN BANE.

YEAH! YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT--WE WERE MOLES ALL ALONG, SEE?

IT'S OVER. YOU FOUGHT ALONGSIDE US AND FOR A MOMENT THE LINES BETWEEN US BLURRED.

BUT YOUR PRISON STILL WAITS.

THAT IT DOES.

VAN'S JUST ABOUT LOADED UP. LET'S GET BACK TO THE SEWERS, PLEASE-- I'VE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH OF THIS CITY FOR TODAY.

SO, DID SHREDDER REALLY JUST AGREE TO GO BACK TO PRISON? VOLUNTARILY?

SHREDDER DOES HAVE A PARTICULAR SENSE OF HONOR. WE MADE...AN ARRANGEMENT.

OOH, PLOT-TWIST MOMENT-- WHAT KIND OF AGREEMENT ARE WE TALKIN' HERE?

WHEN I FREED SHREDDER FROM RIKER'S ISLAND AND ASKED HIM TO JOIN US IN TAKING DOWN BANE, HE AGREED UNDER ONE CONDITION...

"HE WANTED TO FIGHT ME. JUST HIM AND ME.

"A REMATCH!"

YOU'RE TELLING US YOU RISKED EVERYTHING ON A FIGHT?

NOT EVERYTHING... I DID HIDE A STUN TASER IN SHREDDER'S HELMET JUST IN CASE.

BUT, YEAH... ABOUT ALL THIS, BATMAN...

...I'M SORRY. AGAIN. THIS WAS ALL BECAUSE OF ME. SURE, IT WORKED OUT, BUT LOOK AT WHAT WE HAD TO--

YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE, DONATELLO.

YOU'VE COME OUT OF THIS STRONGER. ALL OF YOU HAVE. I HOPE YOU CAN SEE NOW THE TRUE STRENGTH INSIDE OF YOU.

YOU ONLY HAVE YOURSELF TO THANK FOR THAT, DONATELLO.

WELL, THIS IS GOOD-BYE, SQUIRT. DESPITE BEING A HUGE PAIN IN MY SHELL, YOU'RE NOT *ALL* BAD.

NO. WE ARE ***NOT*** HAVING A "MOMENT." REMOVE YOUR UNREASONABLY SHAPED HAND FROM ME, OR I ***WILL*** TAKE YOU DOWN.

THE PORTAL'S ACTIVATED, BATMAN. YOU'D BETTER HURRY WITH THAT PSYCHO BEFORE IT CLOSES...

...AND THANK YOU.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.

UNTIL NEXT TIME.

LATER THAT EVENING...

HUH. WHAT'S THIS?

WHOA. HEY! GUYS! GUESS WHAT I'VE GOT?

IT'S BATMAN'S ***"TRAINING PROTOCOL."*** ALL OF HIS ROBINS DO IT. "FOR A LITTLE EDGE IN YOUR WORKOUTS, DONATELLO."

UHH, YOU'RE GOING TO SHARE THAT WITH US, TOO, *RIGHT?*

DONNIE? DONNIE?!!

THE END... FOR NOW!

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We will debut a huge new villain, a blockbuster villain who connects deeply to Superman's origin story and to his birthright. One of my goals is to be as additive to Superman and Metropolis as possible. The characters we debut right away, including this new villain, will send ripples of shock across the entire Superman family and beyond!

Writing Superman in today's day and age is such a powerful experience. We live in a world where we've heard "truth, justice and the American Way" our whole lives, right? But this is the first time, in my lifetime, those things are really not to be taken for granted. Truth is sometimes under siege; justice is, we all now know, sadly not always for everybody; and the American Dream, the American way of everybody coming here to live a free, safe and healthy life–these are ideas we always took for granted, but now we don't. We can't! No matter where you are politically, we just don't take these things for granted anymore.

I don't know about you but I could certainly use Superman right now. I could use some of that hope he brings with him. It's a tremendous honor to be writing a character who exudes hope at a time when people really, really need it.

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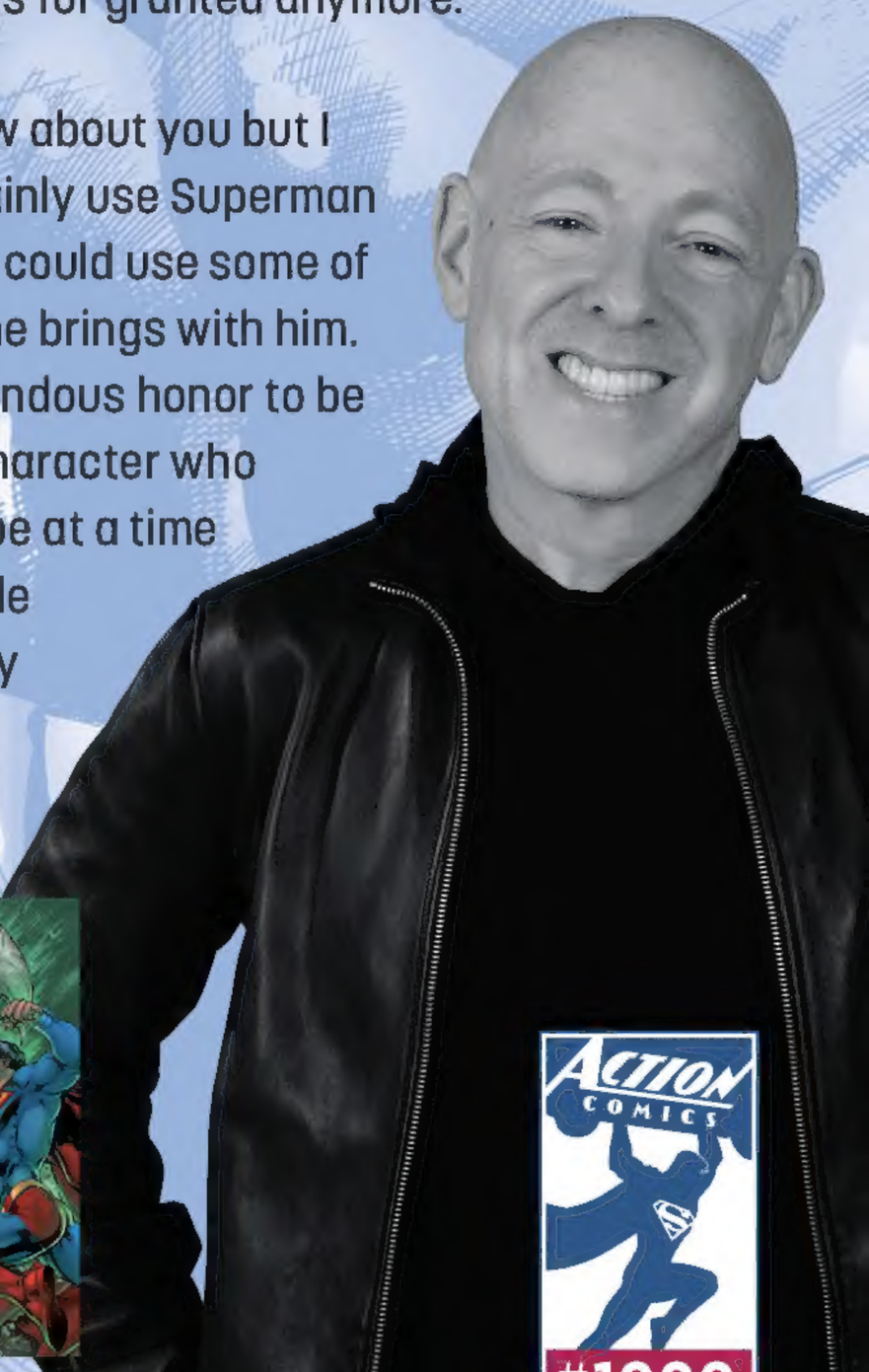

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